## SOME SHORT STORIES

Brief Tales and Incidents Picked Up in the City's Byways.

Horrible "Break" of the Over-Candid Servant Girl-Peculiar Situation of a Law Firm.

A bleak, cold sensation recently crept between a charming hostess of Indianapolis and her favorite cook. The latter, a thorough Celt, it is said, brought the trouble on herself by indulgence in one of her characteristically candid and honest speeches, which for a long time have inspired feelings of terror in the family of her employer. The inmates of the household felt that it was only a question of time when Biddy would plunge them all into an avawanche of disgrace, and last week the anticipated moment arrived. Mrs. B. gave a swell dinner to some of her friends. The service was perfect. The hostess had ordered the cuisine prepared especially for the palates of doctors, lawyers and some literary persons, who were her guests. The dinner moved along very well up to the point where the finger bowls should have been brought in. Here an embarrassing silence ensued. Mrs. B., alarmed over the derelict conduct of Biddy in neglecting this important detail, touched the bell that brought the cook from the kitchen.
"Biddy," interrogated the hostess, "you have neglected the finger bowls; bring them

at once." The broad face of the domestic lapsed into a picture of blank despair, as she whispered in a voice distressingly audi-"Shure, mom, an' Oi'v not had toime to wash thim afther moldin' the jilly in thim."

The amusement of the guests was as acute as the horror of Mrs. B. Notice has been given the candid Biddy.

A few days ago a man called at the residence of a member of a prominent firm of attorneys in the city and requested that the attorney go with him to the house of a man in the neighborhood who had been injured while at work in a storage house where he was employed. The attorney hastened to the house, as requested, and found that the man had only been injured a few hours before, and that his services had been called in before a physician had been in attendance. He talked to the man and ascertained that he had sustained some pretty severe bruises, but the indications were that he was not in a serious condition. He thereupon told the family that it was that the nature of the man's injury could be ascertained. Then if it was found that his injuries were permanent they could see for action against his employers. The follawyer and stated that a had threatened them with a suit for heavy damages on the strength of "the representations of some pettifogging lawyer" that the injured man could certainly win in an action against the company. The firm was employed to look into the matter and prevent a suit if possible. Directly after his message had been received the attorney first referred to walked in, and his partner related the conversation had over the phone. "Well, now, that's good," broke in the junior member of the firm. "The pettifogger referred to in this case happens to be me, and I guess we will have to withdraw from this case as we are employed on

Tacked upon the wall of the room in the rear of 'Squire Hablch's justice shop is an old, dilapidated, broad-rimmed, dust-begrimed slouch hat of the Buffalo Bill style. Under the hat is a placard upon which is the following: "The man that owns this hat swore to a lie and then skipped the town." The hat is the property of a negro whose present whereabouts is unknown, as indi-

cated in the placard, and it is highly improbable that he will disclose it for some time to come. A few days ago a man named Hirst was tried in Justice Habich's court for carrying concealed weapons. The owner of the hat was one of the witnesses in the case. Hirst was a bartender, and the owner of the hat testified that he was in the saloon, standing with his back to the bar, his elbows leaning upon it, when he saw Hirst stoop and take a revolver from its resting place under the bar and place it in his hip pocket. There was present in the and who happened to know that it would have been a physical impossibility for the owner of the hat to have seen what he testified to. This man was sworn and put upon the stand. He had no sooner taken the stand than the owner of the hat began to cogitate upon the "pains and penalties of perjury." The cogitation lasted but a few minutes, when he hurriedly left the court room. At the time he left the hat was lyof the room, and the owner of the hat tar-ried hot to get possession of it. It was learned that, from the court room he went direct to his home, told his family officers were after him for perjury, secured another

The traveling public was treated to a rare bit of paternal love at the Union Station the other afternoon. A few minutes before 4 o'clock a young and well-dressed married couple quietly strolled through the main waiting room. Between them, and held on either side by a loving hand, toddled their little baby daughter. The south door was reached and the father and husband hastily looking at his watch found that the 4 o'clock Vandalia train was ready to pull out. A kiss from his wife and numbers from baby, and he was quickly making his way to the train. But baby wanted papa to stay at home, and emphasized this fact with lusty screams. "I don't want papa to do." The loving parent heard and knew. The train was fast pulling out, but baby's cries were too much, and he quickly returned and took her in his arms, the cries soon ceasing. When last seen they were happily seated in a College-avenue car on Jackson-square corner.

She was pretty, stylishly dressed, and stood upon a pair of comfortably proportioned feet. This indicated to the stamp clerk at the postoffice that she belonged in Chicago. His prophetic mind further led him to believe that she would doubtless desire "Columbian" postage stamps. She laid down a handful of pennies and the clerk began to tear off the big "Columbians."

"No, no, don't you dare give me those things," she screamed, and began to dance. "What's the matter; don't you want this style?" inquired the astonished employe of the government. Her eyes snapped as she exclaimed: "No, I don't. I don't want anything that will remind me of that accursed fair. Chicago won't get over that visitation of the devil for a hundred years. There ain't a man or woman in Chicago who don't wish they had never heard of that Columbian exposition. Give me the oldfashioned stamps; they're good enough for

"Evidently she ran a boarding house," remarked the clerk as the stamp purchaser went out to walk the mile that lies between the stamp office and the place for

State Poultry Association.

The directors of the Indiana State Poultry Association met yesterday at the agricultural rooms to complete arrangements for the State poultry show. It was decided to give a "butter and dressed poultry exhibit" in connection with the regular exhibit. All butter and poultry placed on exhibition will at its termination be sold and the entire proceeds of such sale will be donated to the Flower Mission. The annual exhibit will begin at Masonic Hall Monday, Jan. 15, and continue one week.

Christmas Music. At Sts. Peter and Paul's, Meridian and

Fifth streets, Mr. Schonacker's mass in G o'clock mass, by Miss Edna Burk, Mrs. C. Siersdorfer, sopranos; Mr. Andrew Smith, Professor Belcher, tenors: Mr. C. A. O'Connor, Mr. C. Siersdorfer, basses. The accompaniment will consist of: Flute, Mr. Gustave Recker; violin, harp and 'cello, Misses Bertha, Emma and Mr. Adolph Schellschmidt, and organ, Mr. H. J. Schon-

Reading Circle Programme. A meeting of the directors of the State Teachers' Association and a committee from the Young People's Reading Circle was held at the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, yesterday, for the pur-

The Teachers' Circle agreed on one book of professional and one of high grade literature. The Young People's Reading Circle selected readers for the five grades from the second grade to the high school course. Prof. W. H. Elstun, the chairman of the State Teachers' Association, Professor Jones, chairman of the joint committee, and Mrs. McRea, of Purdue, representing the Y. P. R. Circle, were all present and participated in the proceedings.

HARD TIMES FOR WORKMEN. Hon. Aaron Jones Says Many of Them Have Gone from South Bend.

Hon. Aaron Jones, of South Bend, was at the State agricultural rooms yesterday, looking in on Secretary Kennedy. In the course of a conversation regarding the present business depression he stated that to his personal knowledge at least 500 workmen that were employed in the manufactories at his home, being unable to get work, had returned to Europe, their former homes. They seemed to think that under existing conditions in this country, brought about by the tariff tinkerers, they would fare as well there as in this country. He stated further that manufacturing interests in his section of the State was almost paralyzed; that all establishments were working either with forces barely large neough to keep them in operation, while many were closed down entirely, preferring to remain idle to operating at a loss to the owners. He predicted that a change of at least 1,600 votes in St. Joseph county would be shown at the coming State election; that where the Democrats had carried the county by 600 at the last election St. Joseph county would show a Republican plurality of 1,000 in November next. He knew of a prominent manufacturer, John C. Knob-lock, who had recently posted a thousand dollars that the Republicans would carry the county by the above figures at the next

MARY RAY DECLARED INSANE.

Woman Who Nearly Killed Her Husband Sent to the Asylum.

Mary Ray, colored, was declared insane, yesterday morning, by a commission, composed of Drs. Carson and Earp and Justices Daniels and Johnston. The affidavit alleging insanity was filed by Albert G. Cox, by whom she was employed as a domestic for about three years. He alleges that, for the past three years, he has believed from her conduct, that she was mentally weak. He alleges that, during all that time, she has imagined her husband was untrue to her and desired to be rid of her. The affiant said he believed her mental and moral condition was very good and that he did not know whether she had ever suffered from any physical injury or whether she had been confined in any asylum for the insane. He says she suffered an attack of the grip during the week in which she assaulted her husband and the affiant believes the illness was, in a measure, responsible for her mental condition at the time Both physicians say she is weak mentally, emaciated and presents an appearance of low vitality and does not seem to realize

the enormity of her crime. She is the woman who, a few weeks ago, assaulted her husband with an ax and nearly succeeded in killing him as he lay asleep in bed, at his home, on Lafayette street, and she is now under indictment

for assault and battery with intent to kill. MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Claim the Milk Was Watered. A dairyman named Kingsley complained

to the Board of Health several days ago that he had bought watered milk of the Indianapolis Creamery Company and the Putnam County dairy. He furnished two samples of milk he said he had bought from the firms, and these were analyzed by Dr. Hurty and found to contain from 30 to 35 per cent more of water than should be found in pure milk. The sanitary officer announced his intention yesterday of swearing out warrants against the firms,

Thanked the City Employes. The Mayor yesterday received a letter from the employment committee of the Commercial Club, thanking the city employes for the money they had given to the relief of the unemployed. The employes have agreed to donate 3 per cent. of their salary. The committee announces that it intends to ask 3 per cent. from the working people who have employment.

Called on the Industrial School The Mayor, the Board of Works and the Police Court judge yesterday called at the Girls' Industrial School, at Tomlinson Hall, and observed the workings of that well-

Invited to Indianapolis. The Mayor yesterday telegraphed to the American Federation of Labor, now in session at Chicago, asking that body to hold its next session in this city next year.

Ariel-Dow Concert.

The next entertainment of the lecture course of the Seventh Presbyterian Church will be a concert Wednesday evening by the Ariel-Dow Company. This company comes recommended as one of the best now before the public, and is considered the best entertainment of the course. The course has been an exceptionally good one, and those who have been attending them have felt more than repaid. The course is something new for the South Side, and its success has been such that the members of the church who were instrumental in arranging for this course have already determined to have one each year. There is a prospect for a very large attendance Wednesday evening.

The Jennings Monument. Commissioners H. F. Work, M. B. Cole and George H. D. Gibson, appointed by the Legislature to superintend the erection of the Gov. Jonathan Jennings mounment, filed a final report with the Governor yesterday. The appropriation of \$500 was exhausted. John Walsh, of Montgomery, Clark county, the contractor, yesterday re-ceived his pay for the work. The commissioners had the remains removed from the old burying ground, a few miles distant, to the Charlestown Cemetery. The monument is of Quincy granite and is, the commis-sioners say, a 'nent, substantial memorial to Indiana's first executive."

Indianapolis National Dividend. Controller Eckels stated to the Journal's Washington correspondent, yesterday afternoon, that as soon as he received the report of Receiver Hawkins, which would arrive at the end of this month, he would at once figure out the dividend, which will be declared, for the creditors of the Indianapolis National Bank, payable about the first week in January. Until it is seen from the receiver's report how much of claims and offsets are entered, it cannot be known what the percentage of the dividend will be, but there will not be more than a fortnight of further delay in declaring the dividend.

Relief Work Accomplished. A recapitulation of the work done by the Charity Organization Society in the way of relief for the unemployed shows that within the past three weeks they have given aid to 730 families. Yesterday alone they issued 140 food tickets. Each of these tickets call for supplies for one family for a period of one week. During the day they received sixty-nine applications from persons who had not before applied. This is about the average of new applications received each day. Latterly the persons applying seem to be a degree higher in the social scale than

the first applicants. R. S. Colter Very III.

R. S. Colter, the grocer, at Merrill and East streets, is lying critically ill. He fainted at the corner of East street and Virginia avenue several days ago, having at that time just left his bed, where he had been confined by sickness, Mr. Colter has been prominent in politics on the

Sued for a Small Amount. The law firm of Chambers, Pickens & Moores yesterday filed suit against Dr. Robert C. Light to recover \$75 alleged to be due for professional services. They also include an item of \$1.55 alleged to have been expended for the use and benefit of the de-

Used a Picture Frame.

Ellen Smith yesterday filed suit for divorce from William Smith, alleging cruel and inhuman treatment as a cause for the separation. She alleges that on the 14th day of last month he assaulted and knocked MR. TAGGART'S ADVICE.

Tells a Livery Firm He Would Demand Payment on an Election-Day Bill.

It will be remembered that on the day of the late city election the Democratic managers had all the vehicles in town engaged hauling people to the polls to vote the Republican ticket. After the result was known Chairman Taggart rather facetiously de clared that he proposed to send a bill to Chairman Smith, of the Republican committee, for half of the expense. Mr. Smith has never received the bill but it seems that the owners of the vehicles rented by the Democratic committee are having something of a steeple-chase for their money. On election morning the firm of Shellhouse & Slater rented a buggy to a Democratic heeler on the strength of the following or-

"Mr. Frank Shellhouse: Let bearer have horse and buggy and make out bill against T. Taggart and send same to me with driver. Yours, WALKER SMITH, "Committeeman, Seventieth Precinct." Nothing was heard from the bill sent to Mr. Smith by the driver and, in the course of time, a duplicate bill was sent to Mr. Taggart. It "never touched him." Prompt-

"Gentlemen: Yours of the 6th received with bill inclosed for one buggy on election day used by Mr. Smith. When I see him I will do what I can to have him pay the bill and should you see him before I do I would demand it. Yours respectfully, "T. TAGGART."

The livery firm had a chill.

TIS A PRETTY STORY.

But the Trouble Is It Hasn't Any of the Elements of Truth.

This very pretty romance came by Associated Press yesterday afternoon: "CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—A story of unusual interest was told in a divorce bill filed here to-day. In 1881 there came to Indianapolis, Ind., it is said, a young man of pleasing address and polished manners. He secured a position in a bank in that city, giving his name as Wilbur F. Reed, He was introduced into the banker's home, where he met the daughter of the house. In January of the next year they were married, and they lived together until October, 1887, when he suddenly left his wife and she has never seen him since, though she believes he went to South America. Before he left, however, he told her who he was. Mrs. Reed says he told her he was a Russian, and before coming to America was an offisome daughter of a rabid Nihilist, and, though loyal to his ruler, paid much attention to the fair Nihilist. His actions were noted by the police, and he came under suspicion. Learning that he was about to be arrested and probably sent to Siberia, he fled the country, and, after drifting around for some time, landed in Indianapolis. His wife said that he left that city because he became afraid that he was shadowed by emissaries of the Czar. He promised to send for her, she says, as soon as he was safe, but she has never heard from him."

Investigation proves the above story to be entirely unfounded, as no such person as Wilbur F. Reed was ever connected with a banking institution in this city. Further, no daughter of a banker here ever made an alliance of the character described in the Chicago press representative's fairy tale. A special dispatch to the Journal from Chicago says that the wife, Maggie K. Reed, alleges in the complaint that they were married on Jan. 11, 1882, and that Reed deserted her in October, 1889.

EFFICIENT MAIL SERVICE.

Indianapolis Postoffice Complimented . by the Deparment.

Postmaster Thompson has received the following complimentary letter, under date of Dec. 14, from the general superintendent of the railway mail service, Postoffice De-

"This office is in receipt of the report of the superintendent of mails in your office for the month of November, 1893, of mail distributed and dispatched, errors made and checked, and statement of case examinations held in the mailing division of the Indianapolis postoffice. I have examined this report with more than ordinary interam pleased to find that your office is doing good work. It is especially gratifying to note the high order of merit with respect to case examinations, for of the nine men examined two attained a percentage of 100, five attained over 99 per cent., one over 98, and one, the lowest, 97.70 per cent. The record, as relates to the correct handling of mail matter distributed, is also good, and I trust and believe that the interest displayed by your force in the work port, will never be found lacking. Very re-JAMES E. WHITE, "General Superintendent."

The names of the men who did this work and their percentages are as follows: Wm. Curley, 100; W. L. Dynes, 100; Frank Rumford, 99.88; Charles Baughman, 99.85; John Clinton, 99.42; Geo. McNutt, 99.41; S. P. Myers, 98.71.

FOR SWEET CHARITY.

Grand Sacred Concert by the Musicians' Union This Evening.

To-night the Musicians' Protective Association will give their charity concert at Tomlinson Hall, the proceeds of which are to go to a fund to be used in relieving the unemployed of the city. Especial pains have been taken to make the concert one to satisfy all shades of musical talent and an extensive programme has been arranged.

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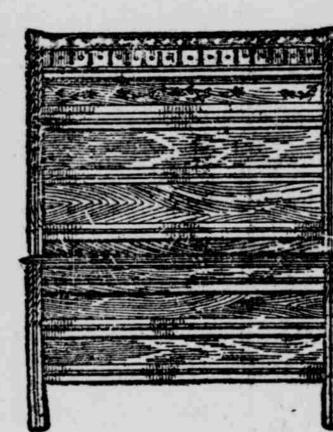
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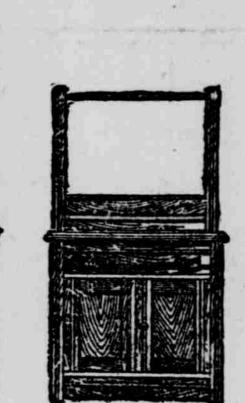
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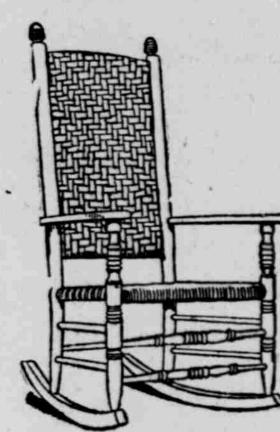
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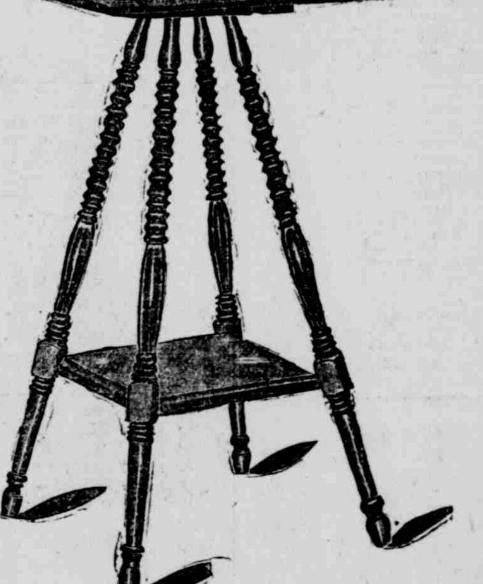






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